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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/600,608  
Filed: June 23, 2003  
Title: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND STRUCTURE  
BODY  
Group: 1728  
Examiner: Kiley Shawn STONER  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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July 21, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.